

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE WITH RAMSDELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2025 at Ramsdell Village Hall, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Sarah Curtis, Chairman
Cllr Jane James, Cllr Jenny Englefield,
Cllr Martin Schimmer, Cllr Greg Childs
Cllr Rhydian Vaughan – HCC, Cllr Simon Minas-Bound – BDBC from 7.58pm
One member of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Register of Interests

There were no other updates to the register of interests.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

6. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan reported the government is keen to have councils run by Mayors. Hampshire is made up of Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and Isle of Wight. There is suggestion Portsmouth would take on Gosport and Fareham. Southampton could take on parts of the New Forest and for Isle Wight to remain as they are. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council could join Hart and Rushmoor and Test Valley. If Hampshire County Council don't do something they won't be given a choice and we will know by 31st January if elections will go ahead in May.

7. Police Report

There was no update from the Police.

8. Play Area Updates

The play areas have continued to be inspected by BDBC. BDBC have reported concerns about finger entrapment on the swing in Ramsdell but have confirmed they have assessed this as low risk. They reported some low level concerns about some of the play equipment in Wootton St Lawrence. These seem to be due to new compliance but the equipment was made before the new compliance came into effect.

9. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Minas-Bound arrived at 7.58pm to give his update. He noted about the possible changes in Councils as Cllr Vaughan had reported. BDBC hope that there would be four unitary authorities such as Basingstoke and Deane and Hart and Rushmoor.

The National Planning Policy Framework has been updated and the Cabinet could be discussing the Local Plan at the February meeting and it is hoped this is adopted by 2027

but this is complicated by changes in the Councils and there are not enough sites for planning so they can't deliver the target number. There should be a 5 year land supply and we are down to 2.93 years.

Manydown South is owned by BDBC and HCC and due to the changes it is not known if either authority will be around to see any deal through. Also the town centre development. Anything owned by either authority will be owned by the new authority.

Cllr Englefield thanked Cllr Minas-Bound for his help with the farming issue before Christmas. He confirmed town and rural policies don't work for either. There needs to be a rural strategy to help rural businesses and farms.

10. Lengthsman's Scheme

There are no funds left in the scheme for this financial year. All councillors agreed the Parish Council would sign up to the scheme for the next financial year.

11. Highways

Roman Road will be closing for the start of Manydown so may cause some more traffic in the villages.

Cllr Vaughan advised he is waiting to have an on-site visit at the crossroads on the A339.

Cllr Curtis asked Cllr Vaughan about the signpost in Wootton St Lawrence. He will chase this up.

Cllr Curtis noted there has been work on the surface of the road. Cllr Childs advised Lloyds Lane has had some work undertaken but the rain has made it worse again. It was noted there are pot holes at Woodgarsten which is an area of flooding. Cllr Childs advised he thinks the road has subsided.

Towards Malshanger a signpost was hit then a car went off the road. There should be a sign to say there is a bend. Cllr Vaughan will contact Highways about this.

Cllr James advised she continues to report pot holes. She reported two in Vyne Road but only one was repaired.

Cllr Childs highlighted the paths on the development ground need to be cut back.

11.1 Update on SID in Ramsdell

Cllr Schimmer confirmed the data is still being monitored from the SID. It was suggested the SID could have been put further down the road. It was confirmed Hampshire County Council advised we couldn't due to vision. It was agreed the SID should be moved to the other post soon or moved round at the current position.

12. Ramsdell Recreation Ground and Cricket Pavilion

Registering of the recreation ground could take a year. The Parish Council are working with Ramsell Cricket Club on terms of a lease to support them in gaining a new pavilion.

13. Financial Matters

13.1 The financial statements as at the end of September, October, November and December and the bank statements were agreed. There was a total of £46,514.71 in the bank at the end of December.

13.2 The following payments were approved and will be paid online via bank transfer:

Clerk Fee and HMRC - £349.66

Ramsdell Village Hall - £66.00

The Parish Council received a CIL payment of £36,028.47 on 28th October.

13.3 The Parish Council discussed the draft budget. It was suggested a further box was added to monitor the CIL funds and payments. The budget was agreed that it covered the running costs of the Parish Council and for the Parish Council to undertake some work around the parish with the CIL funding. Councillors will look at ideas what the CIL funds could be used for.

13.4 The Parish Precept was agreed. The same funds would be requested as last financial year to cover the running costs for the Parish Council for the upcoming year. The amount is £7476.

14. Open Forum

There were no comments/questions raised.

15. Planning Applications (please refer to BDBC website or click on the links below)

To receive and discuss planning applications. The Parish Council comments can be found on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council website or click on the links below.

[Outline application with some matters reserved for change of use and conversion of Village Hall to a single semi-detached, single-storey building comprising two 2-bedroom properties.](#)

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There had been a meeting in the village where this planning application was discussed. The neighbours were concerned about the traffic during the work. The Parish Council support this planning application and have no objections.

16. Correspondence

The Parish Council received a letter from Whitchurch Council about the Local Plan. Cllr Minas-Bound advised the National Planning Policy Framework is a direct contradiction to Whitchurch.

17. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

Monday 17th March 2025 – Ramsdell Village Hall – 7.00pm

The meeting ended at 8.19pm